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Dear Mr. Garrison,

Thank you for your note, though it grieves my heart to hear how very poorly your dear, patient, good wife is. We all send, in return for hers, our warmest greetings & sympathies, & our hopes that she may soon get Relief, & be restored to usual comfortable health.

Of course I cannot say a word to hasten your completion of your Sketch; much as I need it, it had better be wanting, than that you should try to work upon it when you are exhausted, or omit the least attention which duty & love call for, for yr. wife's. Let it come when you are able to send it.

But such being the circumstances, I think I will defer my Sunday visit

to you. The usual & inevitable calls at the house, with your necessary engagement & pre-occupation, make it certainly best that there should be no more demands on your time than those must make. And so I feel I had better not come to you then, but wait perhaps until my next Boston visit. — A line from you will find me, if you have occasion to write, at 9 Burroughs Place, on Sunday & Monday.

Very affectionately
Yours, S. May.

N. B. Have you recollected to take the T. Parker letters — or send them — to Chr. Register Office, for T. J. Mumford?